



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES

SKOPJE - MACEDONIA

## **U.S. Embassy participation and support for Cultural Events/Festivals in Macedonia in 2010:**

### **January:**

- The Macedonian Philharmonic, in collaboration with the US Embassy in Skopje, presented a concert entitled "Broadway in Skopje." The concert was with guest soloists Tara Venditti – mezzo soprano and Michael Scarcelle – baritone (both from the U.S.) and conducted by British conductor Timothy Redmond.

### **March:**

- The Macedonian Cinematheque, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, featured a program entitled "Novo Kino Utro" that screened a four month long series of American children's movies.

### **April:**

- Through the State Department's Performing Arts Initiative, the Embassy hosted a Mariachi band that played at high schools and held a major series of concerts on public squares in Skopje, Struga and Stip.

### **June:**

- The Embassy supported the Alarm Fest in Ljubaniste (Ohrid) and the Make Dox-International Documentary Film Festival featuring a set of U.S. documentaries.

### **July:**

- Cultural Envoy Merrilee Cunningham conducted a series of Creative Writing Workshops for schoolchildren learning English at the four American Corners in Macedonia.
- Blues and Soul Festival (within the Skopje Summer Festival): Gregg Wright trio performed at the festival and conducted a workshop for musicians at the American Corner in Skopje
- With the Mayor's office in Kavadarci, the Embassy sponsored an evening of American Jazz.

### **August:**

- Struga Poetry Evenings: Award-winning American poet Corey Marks was a guest at this year's festival.

### **September:**

- The Embassy supported the Cultural Informational Center in organizing the "Sounds of the Charshija" cultural event, an effort to revive the Old Charshija.

### **October:**

- Manaki Film Festival: The Embassy will host Cultural Journalist Kirstin Wilder from Variety to conduct a workshop on writing a film critique. The Embassy is also providing support to bring cinematographer Mr. Vilmos Zsigmond (winning the Oscar Award in 1977 for S. Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind) to Macedonia to receive the Golden Camera 300.
- The Embassy is also supporting the screening of SHOOTING WOMEN, a film by Alexis Krasilovsky. This video features more than 50 camerawomen and cinematographers from around the world, celebrating the amazing talent and spirit of these women from the movie sets of Hollywood and Bollywood, to the news and documentary camerawork covering the war zones of Afghanistan.
- The Embassy supports the Skopje Jazz Festival, bringing a number of American Jazz musicians to perform and conduct workshops for local artists.
- The Embassy is providing grants to representatives of cultural institutions for travel to the Kennedy Center Arts Symposium in Zagreb.

### **Future Projects:**

- The Embassy, in collaboration with NGO CK, will produce an inter-ethnic children's play to be performed in schools, Youth Cultural Center and CK.

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